

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
U.S. Appln. No. 10/650,830
Attorney Docket No.: Q77026

REMARKS

Claims 13-16 are all the claims pending in the application. This Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE); therefore, the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is forced into entry. This Amendment is to supplement the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on March 1, 2005.

Applicant amends claims 13 and 15 to further clarify the invention. No new matter is being added. The amendments to claims 13 and 15 are supported throughout the specification, *e.g.*, pages 6, 15, and 16.

Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art of record including Nagao does not teach or suggest “after performance of the magnetic transfer, wear of a surface of the master medium bearing data to be transferred and marks generated after performance of the magnetic transfer on the surface of the master medium, are remedied by the grinding,” set forth in the independent claims 13 and 15. The prior art of record including Nagao does not teach or suggest remedying the marks and scratches of the master medium by grinding after the magnetic transfer.

Furthermore, Nagao and the other cited references do not teach or suggest the grinding of the protrusion portion on the surface of the master medium after the manufacture of the master medium and prior to the master medium transferring data to a slave medium. Finally, in Nagao, the polishing of the master medium is for a different purpose than the grinding set forth in claims 13 and 15. That is, the polishing of Nagao is not to remedy the wear and the marks on the master medium after its manufacture. For at least these exemplary reasons, Applicant respectfully

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submits that claims 13 and 15 are patentable over the prior art of record including Nagao.

Claims 14 and 16 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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